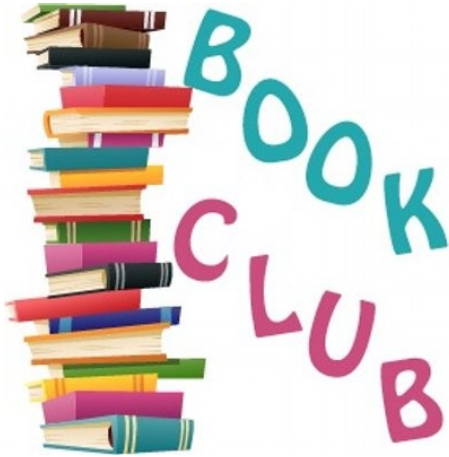


Heads - Up!

The newsletter for Headdon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

March 2021



Do you like a good read? Upton resident Phillipa Thornton is looking to start a book club for the local villages where participants can meet up and discuss books based upon an agreed reading list.

Due to the current Covid restrictions the first meetings are likely to be virtual, but it is hoped that as lockdown eases the group will be able to gather at Headdon Village Hall on a monthly basis.

If anyone is interested then please get in touch with Phillipa on 07528 670072 or by email at philippathornton@yahoo.co.uk

Have Your Say New Grove Village / Gateway Sign



The Parish Council has been successful at gaining a grant to part fund either a new gateway sign or a village sign for Grove. This is a great chance to add to the character of our village, celebrate our heritage and add a bit more appeal or fun to the village's welcome.

For those in Grove, the next step is to collect people's views and ideas from around the village. Watch out for a survey coming through your letterbox in the next few weeks as well as inviting you to a zoom call to discuss the options we've got, and get your opinion on what we should prioritise.

If you'd like to be involved, or if you have any artistic talent or knowledge of the heritage of the village, then please contact either of the two Grove Parish Councillors, Ben Wielgus (ben@wielgus.co.uk) or Matt Allen (mattallent1980@yahoo.co.uk).

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council.

Notes from the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021.

A police report has been received showing the following reported incidents within the general policing area for the period September to December 2020. Criminal damage x 2, theft of motor vehicle x 1 and theft x 2.

District Councillor Coultate provided an update about crime in the East Markham and Tuxford areas. Theft of plant and equipment from building sites south of the A57. He further informed the meeting that he has a small council Community Fund that is available. He reminded the meeting that the Parish Council should provide a response to Bassetlaw DC Local Plan. Cllr Coultate contracted COVID-19 over the Christmas period and informed the meeting that anyone that is isolating as a result of COVID-19, support is available.

The parish Lengthsman continues to deliver good work, has been working in Headon. Work involves siding out footpaths. The arisings from the siding out of the footpaths have been used to fill ruts and holes in verges.

Cllr Harvey has been in contact with Martin Becket from Bassetlaw DC Planning Department regarding Headon Camp, he informed Cllr Harvey that no formal hearing date has been set by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Parish Council is responding to Nottinghamshire CC / Viaem recent email rejecting a lower speed limit in the village of Nether Headon.

A pre-application for funding to refurbish Grove war memorial has been submitted to the War Memorial Trust, the pre-application can take a considerable time before the War Memorial Trust decide if the pre-application progresses to a full application.

Cllr Wielgus and Cllr Allen to consult with Grove residents regarding the design of the Grove village gateway signs. A discussion took place regarding the four village noticeboards. The Parish Council unanimously voted that the replacement noticeboards will be constructed from recycled plastic and that the top of the noticeboards will be embossed with – **Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council.**

A discussion took place regarding a proposed bench between Headon and Upton.

The council carefully consider the proposed budget for 2021/22 and voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget. The proposed budget is an increase of 0.81%.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 1st March 2021 at 19:30hr. Please note that the current restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 dictate that the next meeting will be a virtual meeting. The log on details for the Zoom meeting are: -

<https://zoom.us/j/99890455886?pwd=RVZwM3dGRnorQVpnQVFCSWp2ME1qZz09>

By phone +44 203 901 7895

Meeting ID: 998 9045 5886

Passcode: 063126

Thank you.

The Parish Council.

headonpc@gmail.com

Puzzle Corner

Dr Porkies runs a home for people who always tell lies. None of the people in his care have ever made a statement which is true. Four residents - Charlotte, Donald, Simon and Vanessa – have spent the afternoon in different areas of the doctor's large house. One person was in the garage, one was in the greenhouse, one in the kitchen and one in the study.

Dr Porkies asks the four people where they have been. One says 'Donald was in the greenhouse'. The second speaker says 'Donald, Charlotte and Vanessa where in the garage'. The third says, 'I was in the kitchen but I am not called Charlotte'. A fourth chips in to announce that 'Donald was in the kitchen'.

From the statements made, Dr Porkies can place where everyone has been. Can you? Answer at the bottom of last page.

Helping Our Hedgehogs

The recent warm weather has seen reports of hedgehogs wandering around our villages. As they come out of hibernation they are hungry and thirsty and will be grateful for any cat biscuits (meat based) and water you leave out for them.

Please take special care when you are tidying your garden and especially if you are strimming. A hedgehog might well be sleeping in that pile of leaves or in the patch of untidy vegetation. They like those places! Every year many hedgehogs suffer serious injury from lawnmowers and strimmers.



Many of our gardens are surrounded by hedges which, generally speaking, don't hinder the hedgehog's need to roam. However houses which have gardens surrounded by panel fences don't allow hedgehogs the freedom they need. If your garden is surrounded by a solid fence, you could you make an opening, which only needs to be about 13 x 13 cm, at ground level.



Hedgehogs are now an endangered species, as numbers have fallen drastically in recent years. **Let's help them all we can!**

The Parish of The Rivers, Retford. *“Living Water for Living LIFE”*

Services, dates & Events for March to 4 April 2021

ALL SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF CHURCHES

	St Nicholas Askham	St Peter East Drayton	St John the Baptist East Markham	St Helen Grove	St Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	All Saints Rampton	St Peter Stokeham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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7 March 3rd Sunday of Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

14 March 4th Sunday of Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion celebrating Mothering Sunday*

21 March 5th Sunday of Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

28 March Palm Sunday 10.30 am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

Calendar for Holy Week to Easter Day

29 March Monday of Holy Week
30 March Tuesday of Holy Week
31 March Wednesday of Holy Week

1 April **Maundy Thursday**
2 April **Good Friday**
3 April **Easter Eve**
4 April **Easter Day**

Full details for services and events during Holy Week and Easter will be published later this month when we have had more guidance on meeting together under COVID19. Please check the notice boards at the church in your, or a neighbouring, village.

Dear Friends

COVID Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Christmas Day and Easter Day are the two most important days in the Christian Church. In many churches these two days are described as Principal Feasts. Christmas Day is, of course, always on 25th December and therefore a different day of the week every year; Easter Day is always on a Sunday, but the date can vary from as early as 23rd March to as late as 25th April. Easter Sunday is the original “moveable feast”; this year it falls on 4th April, last year it was 12th April and next year it will be 17th April. In 2008 Easter Day was on 23rd March, the earliest possible date; it won't fall on 23rd March again until 2160. The last time Easter Day fell on 25th April was in 1886 and the next will be in 2038. In each case a gap of 152 years.

At this stage, you might be wondering why on earth I've told you all that. Could it be that I'm fascinated by maths and statistics? Well not really, although I did Maths “A” Level and Statistics as part of my degree. No, the reason is that, despite what the world around us is doing, and the uncertainty of COVID19, there is certainty in the Feast of Easter, albeit a moveable one. Needless to say I Googled these dates because the calendar of dates in my book, published by the Church of England, only covers the years 2006 to 2040. The website I looked at covers the years from 1700 to 2299, a period of 600 years. It rather puts into context that first Easter some 2000 years ago which we continue to celebrate today and which we anticipate will still be celebrated for the next 278 years at least. That's not just optimism, it's hope in the Resurrection and trust in our faithful and loving God.

For over 2000 years our ancestors have looked to God for his love and provision and found him to be faithful. In turn our ancestors have faithfully commemorated Jesus' sacrifice and celebrated his resurrection annually. We follow in their footsteps in this commemoration and celebration every Sunday as we give thanks to God for the gift of his Son to us; and we will do so especially during Lent, Holy Week and Easter despite COVID19. Join us when you can and find hope in the one who died and rose again for YOU!

Every blessing, *The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble*

If you would like to know how we are continuing to be Church in the Parish of The Rivers Retford, please contact the Rector me to receive our weekly notices by post:

The Rectory, Lincoln Road, East Markham NG22 0SH; email: brongamble@hotmail.com or phone: 01777 870848.



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